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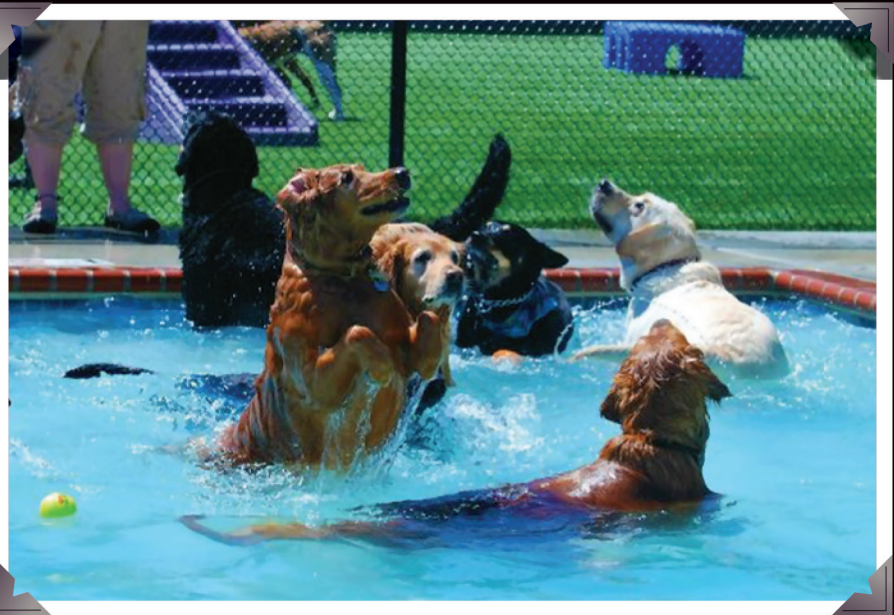


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This is the fifth year we've dedicated a full issue to covering Pride

with a collection of photographs; all five covers are shown here. Please don't stop with the print issue, though, because there are so many more photos online that we couldn't fit into the printed pages. Just go to www.LavenderMagazine.com and search for Pride in Pictures and you'll get not only this year's collection of photography, but you can also look back on the previous years of photos. I am grateful for the photographers, the people, and the opportunity to commemorate this community.

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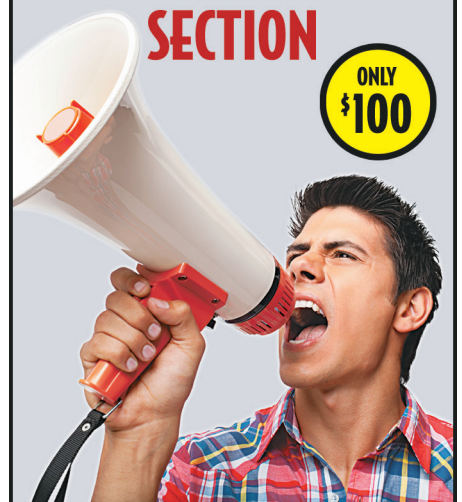


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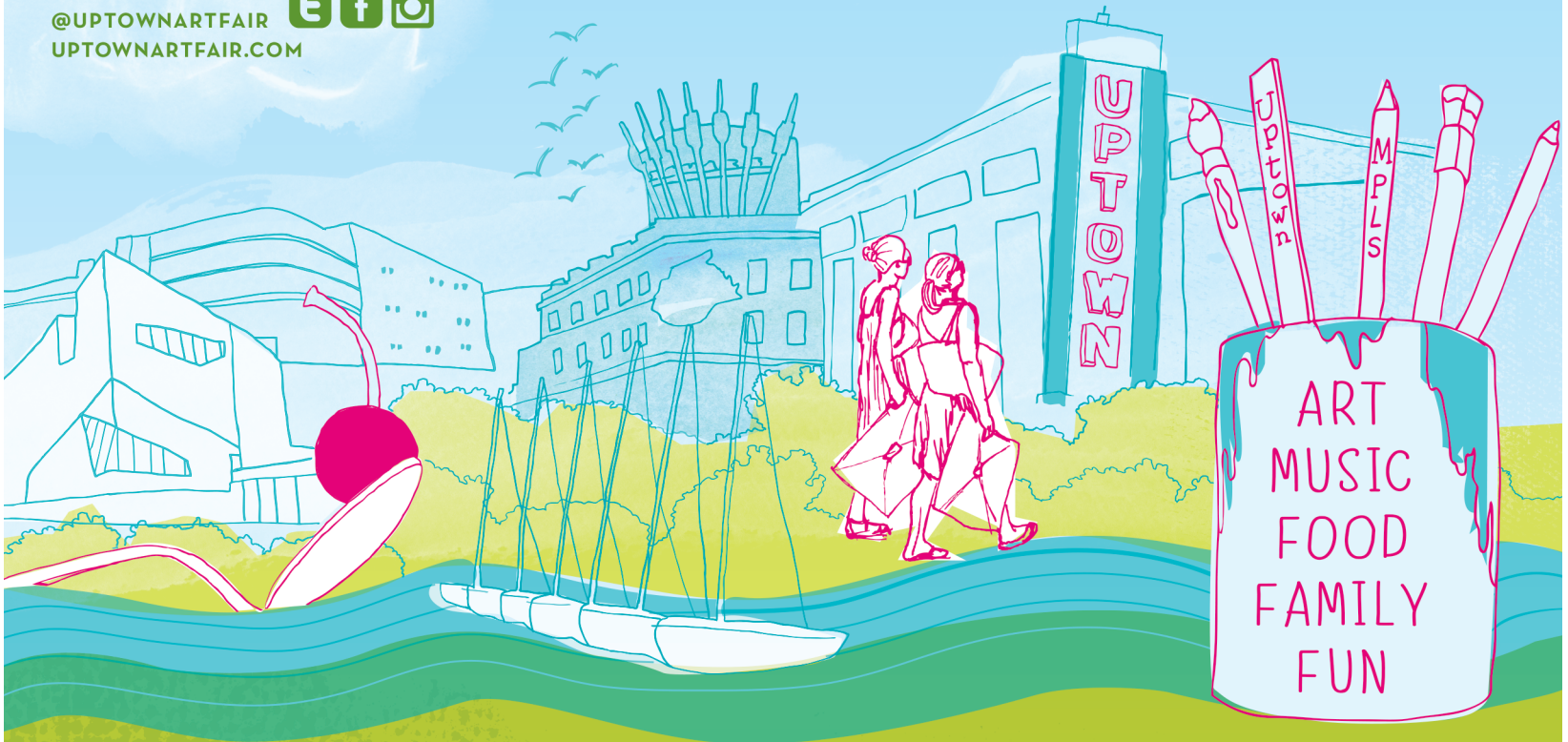
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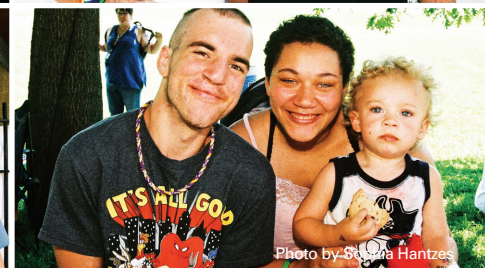


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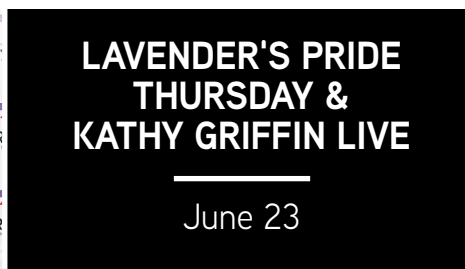


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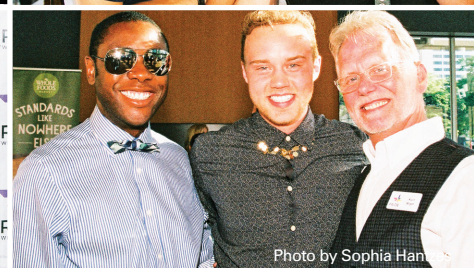


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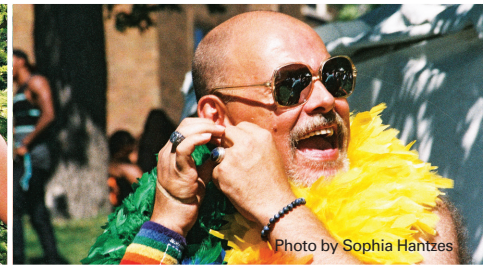


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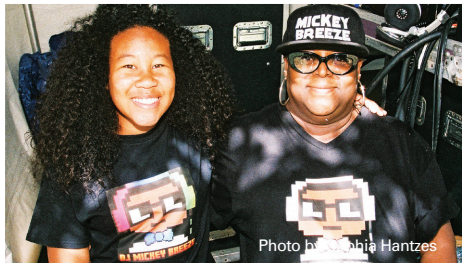
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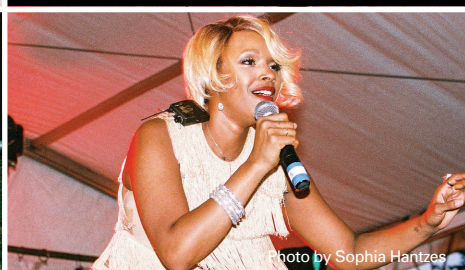


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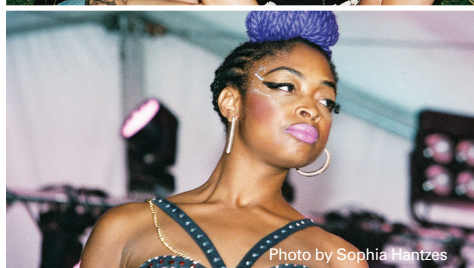


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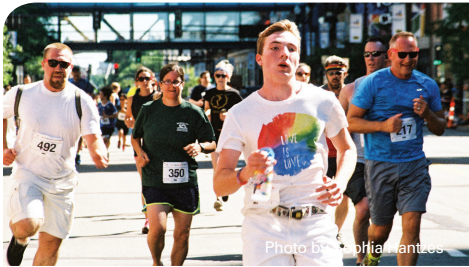


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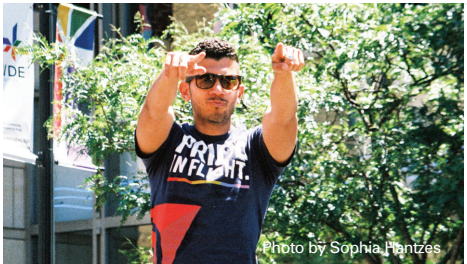


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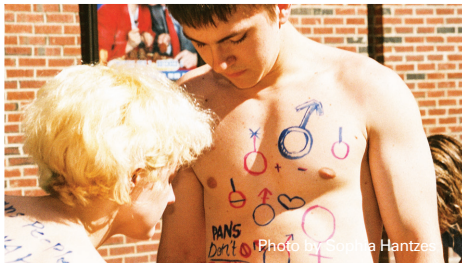


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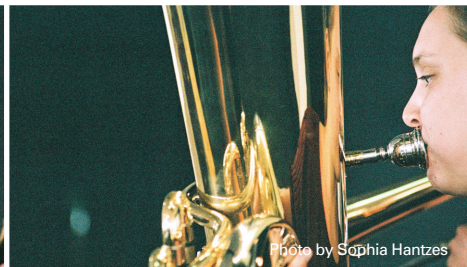


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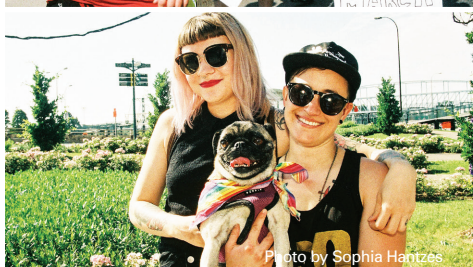


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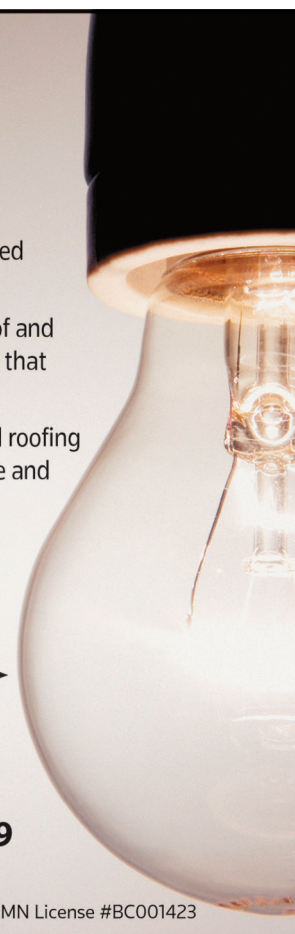
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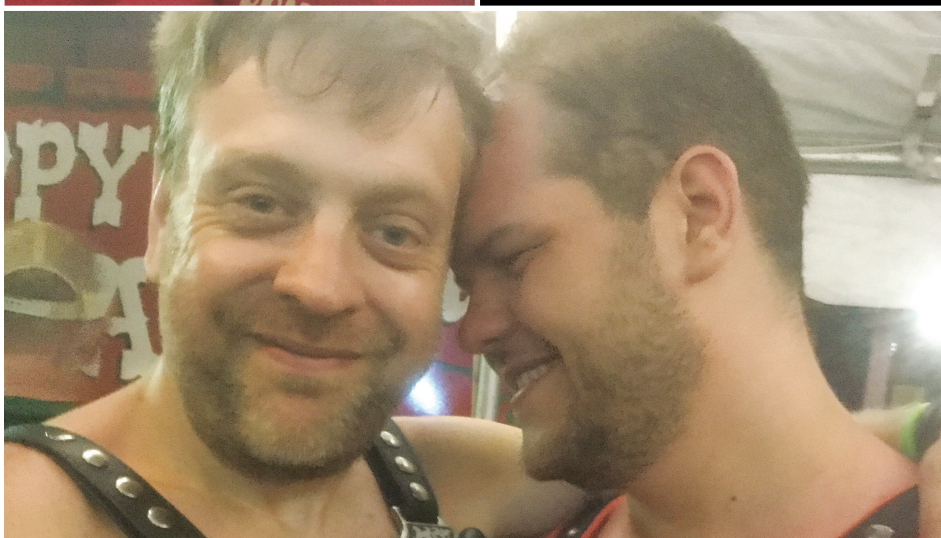
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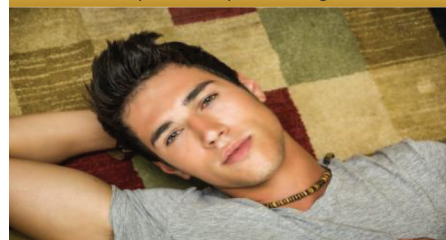
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